

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, St. Paul Lutheran Church of Elk Point will be celebrating its 125th birthday—having devoted those 125 years to the betterment of the Elk Point community and the surrounding rural area, and instructing its members in the day-to-day giving and loving which makes South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, Norwegian settlers, by way of Illinois, enamored by a green valley five miles northeast of present-day Elk Point and, almost as soon as they had roofs over their heads, they turned their thoughts to building a church; and,

WHEREAS, Fifteen settlers met August 12, 1863, to form the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church—then, three years later they changed the name to St. Paul Lutheran and began to cut logs for their first church; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor J.N. Nesse became the first permanent pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in 1868, and now 125 years later, Pastor Gene Eidsness is caring for the congregation; and,

WHEREAS, The log church was replaced by a frame building in 1877, it in turn, was replaced by a grand, two-towered brick church in 1922 which continues to stand as a Christian sentinel over the Big Sioux River valley; and,

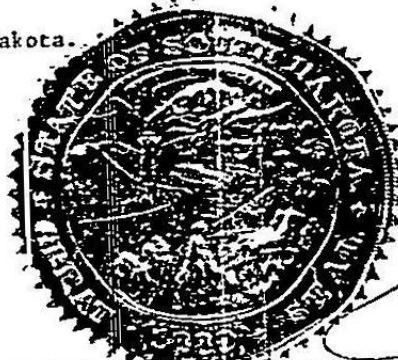
WHEREAS, St. Paul Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 125th anniversary with many activities on August 13 and 14, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting that St. Paul Lutheran Church be honored on this momentous occasion—its 125th birthday:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 12, 1988, as

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eight-Eight.

*George S. Mickelson*  
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR